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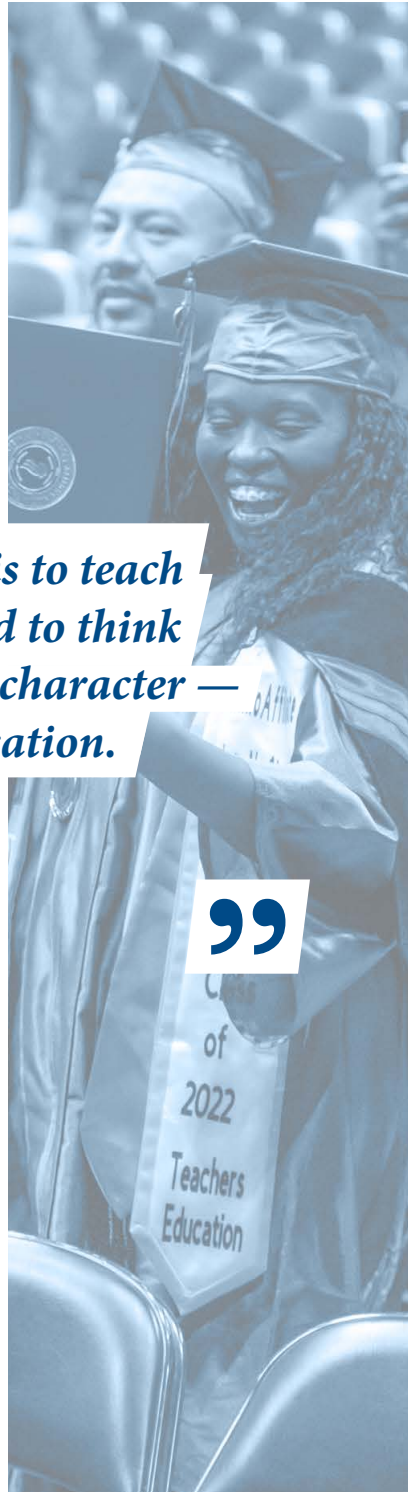
2024 *Fifty-Sixth Commencement*

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*The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.*

—  
*Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

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# EASTERN GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**Fifty-Sixth Commencement Exercises**

**Summer 2024**

*Eastern Gateway Community College - Steubenville Campus*

*Saturday Morning, August 10th, 10:00 a.m.*

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# Eastern Gateway Community College

## 2024 Commencement Program

### Saturday Morning Ceremony

**Welcome**..... **Mr. Arthur Daly**  
*Master of Ceremonies, Executive Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer*

**National Anthem** . . . . . **Ms. Beth A. Rupert-Warren**  
*Eastern Gateway Community College 2005 Graduate*

**Opening Remarks** . . . . . **Mr. Arthur Daly**  
*Master of Ceremonies, Executive Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer*

**Commencement Address** . . . . . **Rev. Dr. James Baber**  
*Executive Vice President Emeritus, Jefferson Community College  
and Eastern Gateway Community College*

**Presentation of Degrees and Remarks** . . . . . **Mr. Arthur Daly**  
*Master of Ceremonies, Executive Senior Vice President and Chief Development Officer*

**Presentation of Candidates** . . . . . **Ms. Rebecca Forney**  
*Dean of Academics*

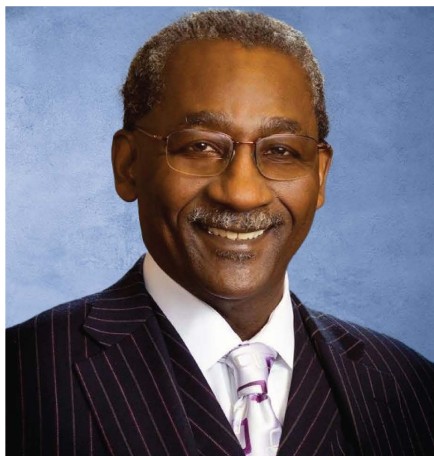
**Dr. Hamid Nawaz**  
*Interim Dean of Health, Science & Public Service*

**Conferring of Degrees & Concluding Remarks** . . . . . **Mr. Arthur Daly**  
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# Eastern Gateway Community College

## 2024 Commencement Address Speaker

*Rev. Dr. James Baber, Executive Vice President Emeritus  
Jefferson Community College & Eastern Gateway Community College*



Greetings! I am Dr. James (Jim) Baber, a resident of Steubenville, Ohio. I relocated to Ohio in July of 2005 to serve as the Executive Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs at Jefferson Community College, now Eastern Gateway Community College. I also served as the Executive Vice President and Director of the College's foundation. I have served several community colleges in Mississippi, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, and Ohio.

In May of 1973 I was called to Pastor Hopewell M.B. Church in McCool, Mississippi, where I served as Pastor until November of 1985 when I relocated to Chicago, Illinois. In 1976 I was called to Pastor the Big Jerusalem M.B. Church in Ackerman, MS, and served until 1985. I served as an Associate Pastor of the St. Luther M.B. Church of Jackson, MS, from 1982 to 1985. In 1996 I was called as pastor of the New Hope M.B. Church of Parson, KS, where I served as Pastor until 2005. I have served as an Associate Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Steubenville, OH since 2005. In October of 2023 I was called to pastor Calvary Community Missionary Baptist Church of Steubenville.

In 1968 I attended Jackson State University majoring in History. In 1973 I attended Jackson State to complete my Master's degree in Counseling. In 1993 I received my Doctoral degree in Adult and Continuing Education from Northern Illinois University in Dekalb, IL. I have attended several seminaries over the years.

I have served numerous roles in religious organizations at the local, state, and national, associations, congresses, and conventions. I was the first Black Executive Vice President of Eastern Gateway Community College, and the first Black President of the Steubenville Rotary Club. For the past two years I served as President of ACTION in Youngstown, OH. I currently serve on the following boards; The Urban Mission, The Boy Scouts Council of Wheeling, WV, President of the MLK Association of Steubenville since 2006, Vice President of the Sycamore Center of Steubenville, Board member of the Steubenville Rotary Club, board member of Board of Disabilities, former Key leader of the Brotherhood of Second Baptist Church, and currently serving on the Juneteenth event committee.

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# Eastern Gateway Community College

## *The Symbols of Learning*

The commencement procession today, in this country and abroad, is a pageant, alive and bright with the dress and ceremony inherited from the medieval universities of the 11th and 12th centuries.

Academic life as we know it today began in the Middle Ages - with Bologna and Paris, Oxford and Cambridge, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Louvain - first in the Church, then in the guilds. The teaching guild was the Guild of the Master of Arts, where the Bachelor was the apprentice of the Master and the dress was the outward sign of privilege and responsibility. The dress made visible, in color and pattern, the unity of men of like purpose. Twelfth century records of Oxford University carry this justification for academic dress: *"It is honourable and in accordance with reason that clerks to whom God has given an advantage of the lay folk in their adornments within, should likewise differ from the lay folk outwardly in dress."*

The principal features of academic dress are three: the gown, the cap, and the hood.

### **The Gown.**

The flowing gown comes from the 12th century. Many think it was worn in olden times as protection against the cold of unheated buildings. It has become symbolic of the democracy of scholarship, for it completely covers any dress of rank or social standing underneath. It is black with pointed sleeves for the Bachelor's Degree; long, closed sleeves for the Master's Degree, with a slit for the arm; and round open sleeves for the Doctor's degree. The gown worn for Bachelor's or Master's Degrees has no trimmings. The gown for the Doctorate degree is faced down the front with velvet and has three bars of velvet across the sleeves, in the color distinctive of the faculty or discipline to which the degree pertains.

### **The Cap.**

The freed slave in Ancient Rome won the privilege of wearing a cap, and so the academic cap is a sign of the freedom of scholarship and the responsibility and dignity with which scholarship endows the wearer. Old poetry records the cap of scholarship as square to symbolize the book, although some authorities claim that the mortar board is the symbol of the masons, a privileged guild.

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# Eastern Gateway Community College

## *The Symbols of Learning*

### **The Hood.**

Heraldically, the hood is an inverted shield with one or more chevrons of a secondary color on the ground of the primary color of the institute or college. The color of the facing of the hood denotes the discipline represented by the degree; the color of the lining of the hood designates the institution from which the degree was granted.

The cap and gown used by the recipient of the Associate Degree are charcoal colored, accented with black sleeve trim and yoke tabs. The hood is designed with the institution colors in a V chevron.



# Eastern Gateway Community College

## *College Emblems*

Some of the students participating in today's commencement ceremony are wearing emblems which recognize their academic achievements.

### **Gold Medallion.**

Students who have maintained a 3.5 or above grade average received a gold medallion at the Honors Convocation in recognition of outstanding academic achievement.

### **Red, White and Blue Cords.**

Students who served in the active military, naval, air or space service are designated with Red, White and Blue Cords. Eastern Gateway thanks you for your service to this country.

### **Blue Stole.**

Students who are the first in their family to earn a college degree are designated by a blue stole with pointed ends and embroidered with First Generation College Student.

### **Gold Tassel and Stole.**

The gold tassel and stole denotes membership in Phi Theta Kappa, the Two Year International Honor Society. All students displaying these emblems of accomplishment as part of their graduation regalia deserve a hearty congratulations.

### **Royal Blue Stole with White Trim.**

Members of the Student Government Association are designated by a royal blue stole with pointed ends and white trim. The logo of the Student Government Association appears in white on the left side of the stole. If a student was an officer (President, Vice President, or Secretary), it is embroidered on the opposite side of the stole.

### **Blue and Green Cords.**

Students who have successfully completed the Student Ambassador leadership development program earn cords to wear at graduation. Students wearing a single honors cord with the school colors of blue and green intertwined are graduates of the Student Ambassador program.

# Eastern Gateway Community College

## *College Emblems*

### **Kente Cloth Stole.**

Members of the Black Student Union are designated by a Kente cloth stole. The Kente stole is a symbol of achievement and overcoming hardship. It pays homage to the ancestors' sacrifices, reunites African Americans with Africa, and asserts their hope and confidence in the future.

### **Silver and Green Cords.**

Members of the IT Club are designated with Silver and Green Cords. Representing their membership and commitment to embracing technology for the betterment of all.

### **Red and Black Cords.**

Participants in the TRIO Scholars Program, a federally funded Student Support Services grant, are designated with red and black cords. These cords represent the hard work that low-income, first-generation, and disabled students have made in successfully completing a degree or certificate program.

### **College Mace.**

The origination of the mace dates back to medieval times when it was used as a weapon. Medieval European bishops forbidden the use of the sword were allowed to enter battle with a mace, often an iron or steel club designed to split armor. By the 16th century, the mace, a symbol of authority, was embraced as a ceremonial object by colleges and universities. Traditionally, the mace is carried as part of formal academic occasions by the Grand Marshal.

The mace of Eastern Gateway Community College was designed by Nelson Fine Arts & Gifts in Steubenville, Ohio. The mace is fifty-three inches long and sculpted from walnut. The colors at the base of the mace are red and gold representing the colors of Jefferson Technical Institute and Jefferson Community College. The upper portion of the mace features the colleges official seal and colors, which represent the five core values.



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